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OPTICAL DATA SIGNALS

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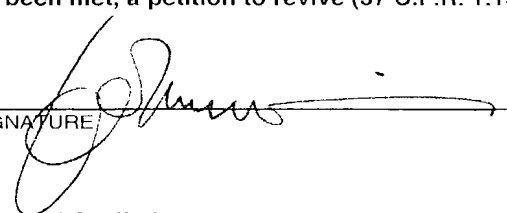
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8. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the data stream is applied to the light by means of a Mach-Zehnder interferometer to which is supplied the data stream, so as to produce an amplitude-modulated optical data signal.

18. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any of claims 12 to 17] claim 12, wherein the optical data signal comprises time-division multiplexed data packets each of which has associated therewith individual control information.

19. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any of claims 12 to 18] claim 12, wherein the optical data signal are carried by wavelength division multiplexed optical channels each of which has associated therewith individual control information.

Please add the following new claims:

22. (New) An optical data signal receiver for reading a light beam modulated with control information using a substantially constant amplitude modulation and modulated with data using an amplitude modulation technique, the receiver comprising a control information reader and a router for routing the modulated data stream in response to the control information.

23. (New) An optical data signal receiver as claimed in claim 21, further comprising means for removing the control information from the modulated light beam.

24. (New) Apparatus for modifying control information carried by an optical data signal transmitted through an optical network, the apparatus comprising a reader and decoder for reading and decoding the control information, a router for routing of the stream of data in dependence upon the decoded information and a wavelength converter comprising a semiconductor optical amplifier.

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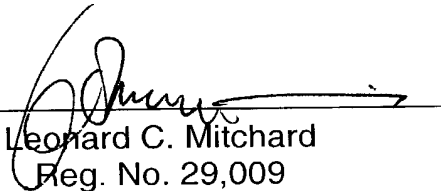
REMARKS

The above amendments have been made to place the application in a more traditional format. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

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IN THE CLAIMS

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OPTICAL DATA SIGNALSField of the Invention

5 This invention relates to a method of encoding control information on an optical data signal, to a transmitter configured to encode such information, and to a method of modifying or removing control information carried by an optical data signal.

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Background to the Invention

In an all-optical packet-switched network, the signal remains in the optical domain from source to destination.

15 In these networks, wavelength converters will be an enabling technology for dynamic routing of optical packets through the network and for resolving contention within the switching nodes. The routing control is a critical function; the packets of data have a routing tag or header

20 and the ability dynamically to update or modify the routing tag/header is essential in certain types of network architectures. This functionality must be performed with minimal impact on the optical payload and several techniques for achieving this have been previously

25 proposed.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention aims at providing a particularly

30 effective technique permitting the modification of control tags or headers associated with packets transmitted through an optical network, which technique has a minimal effect on the data itself.

According to one aspect of this invention, there is

35 provided a method of encoding control information on an optical data signal to be transmitted through an optical network, comprising operating an optical source to generate

a substantially coherent continuous-wave light beam, amplitude-modulating the light beam with a data stream to produce an optical data signal, and also modulating the data signal with control information, using a substantially constant amplitude modulation technique.

According to a second aspect of this invention, there is provided an optical data signal transmitter adapted to encode control information on an optical data signal to be transmitted through an optical network, which transmitter comprises an optical source arranged to generate a substantially coherent continuous-wave light beam, an amplitude-modulator which modulates said light beam with a data stream to produce an optical data signal, and a substantially constant amplitude modulator arranged also to modulate the data signal with control information, using a non-amplitude modulation technique.

A third aspect of this invention provides a method of modifying control information carried by an optical data signal transmitted through an optical network, comprising the steps of encoding the control information on the optical signal in a non-amplitude varying format so as to be associated with a stream of data, transmitting the optical signal to a traffic processor, reading and decoding the control information and then deciding upon the routing of the stream of data depending upon the decoded information, and passing the optical data signal through a wavelength converter based on a semiconductor optical amplifier thereby simultaneously removing the control information.

It will be appreciated that the present invention relies on the fact that only intensity-modulated (IM) signals are wavelength-converted when employing cross-gain modulation (XGM) in a semi-conductor optical amplifier (SOA). An SOA is therefore opaque to modulation formats that convey information in a non amplitude-varying fashion. A preferred form of the method of this invention employs a subcarrier signaling format and encodes this information on

the polarisation of the continuous-wave light preceding the payload of an optical packet. The header information is extracted using direct-detection and the original header is removed without any additional guard bands or timing control.

Brief Description of the Drawings

By way of example only, further details of methods of and apparatus for performing this invention will now be described, referring to the accompanying drawings, in which:-

Figure 1 illustrates an example of an optical packet transmitter;

Figure 2 illustrates a technique for control information decoding and removal;

Figure 3a shows the header information at the input to the polarisation modulator and Figures 3b and 3c the output of decoder in a switching node;

Figure 4 shows the optical spectral output after the AWG; and

Figure 5 shows the AWG output after wavelength conversion.

Detailed Description

Referring initially to Figure 1, a data packet is 1.6 μ s in duration and consists of a payload containing a pseudo-random bit sequence (PRBS) at 2.5Gbit/s, an 8-bit header and a conservative guard band of 20ns. The latter allows for the laser turn-on/turn-off times associated with the wavelength converter within the node. The header consists of a byte of 78Mbit/s nonreturn-to-zero (NRZ) data: start and stop bits for synchronisation and six data bits that denote the packet destination. The baseband header amplitude modulates a 2.7GHz subcarrier in the microwave mixer. A 5Gbit/s LiNbO₃ phase modulator was used

for modulating polarisation states. The linearly polarised signal from the Mach-Zehnder interferometer (amplitude modulator) was rotated to be 45° to the principal axis of the phase modulator, and the drive voltage adjusted such that orthogonal polarisation states were assigned for a peak and trough of the subcarrier cosine. An erbium-doped fibre amplifier (EDFA) amplifies the resulting signal.

At the switching node (Figure 2), the optical signal is filtered by the demultiplexer ($\lambda_{3dB} = 1.8\text{nm}$) and the tap coupler directs 10% of the signal to three polarisers via an optical splitter. (This may be implemented using a Stokes Analyser). The polarisers are arranged to pass horizontally polarised light through one arm, polarisation states at $+45^\circ$ to the vertical through a second arm, and right hand circular through the third arm. In this way, the incoming polarisation-modulated subcarrier will always result in an amplitude-varying component at 2.7GHz at the output when a "one" is received for all evolutionary states of the signal. After optical to electrical conversion (O/E), each of the signals are band-pass filtered ($f_c = 2.7\text{GHz}$, $f_{3dB} = 120\text{MHz}$), rectified using a microwave mixer and filtered using a low-pass filter ($f_{3dB} = 50\text{MHz}$). The sum of the components is the recovered header.

The control electronics process the baseband header information to determine the wavelength to which the payload is to be converted. After passing through an optical delay equal to the electronic processing time (50ns), the signal is coupled into the wavelength converter using an optical circulator. Cross-gain modulation in a SOA is used to translate the wavelength of the packet to 1552nm. To obviate the need for an output filter, a counter-propagating arrangement is employed, and the input/output wavelengths are chosen to lie in the stop-and-pass-bands of the arrayed-waveguide grating (AWG). In this way, very high rejection of the residual input signal, due to the SOA residual facet reflectivity, is achieved.

CLAIMS

1. A method of encoding control information on an optical data signal to be transmitted through an optical network,
5 comprising operating an optical source to generate a substantially coherent continuous-wave light beam, amplitude-modulating the light beam with a data stream to produce an optical data signal, and also modulating the data signal with control information, using a substantially
10 constant amplitude modulation technique.
2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control information is added to the optical data signal by means of a polarisation modulation technique.
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3. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control information is added to the optical data signal by means of a phase-shift-keying modulation technique.
- 20 4. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control information is added to the optical data signal by means of a frequency-shift-keying modulation technique.
5. A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the
25 substantially constant amplitude modulation technique is applied to the optical beam before the modulation thereof with the data stream.
6. A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the
30 substantially constant amplitude modulation technique is applied directly to the optical source.
7. A method as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4, wherein following the modulation of the light beam with the data
35 stream, the optical data signal is passed a constant amplitude modulator to which is supplied the control information to be applied to the optical data signal.

8. A method as claimed in any of the preceding claims, wherein the data stream is applied to the light by means of a Mach-Zehnder interferometer to which is supplied the data stream, so as to produce an amplitude-modulated optical data signal.

9. A method of encoding control information on an optical data signal to be transmitted through an optical network as claimed in claim 1 and substantially as hereinbefore described, with reference to the accompanying drawings.

10. An optical data signal transmitter adapted to encode control information on an optical data signal to be transmitted through an optical network, which transmitter comprises an optical source arranged to generate a substantially coherent continuous-wave light beam, an amplitude-modulator which modulates said light beam with a data stream to produce an optical data signal, and a substantially constant amplitude modulator arranged also to modulate the data signal with control information, using a non-amplitude modulation technique.

11. An optical data signal transmitter as claimed in claim 10, wherein the optical source comprises a laser source.

12. A method of modifying control information carried by an optical data signal transmitted through an optical network, comprising the steps of encoding the control information on the optical signal in a non-amplitude varying format so as to be associated with a stream of data, transmitting the optical signal to a traffic processor, reading and decoding the control information and then deciding upon the routing of the stream of data depending upon the decoded information, and passing the optical data signal through a wavelength converter based on a semiconductor optical amplifier thereby simultaneously removing the control information.

13. A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein further control information is encoded on the optical signal following wavelength conversion thereof, so as to be associated with the wavelength-converted data signal.

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14. A method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the further control information is encoded on the optical signal by a substantially constant amplitude modulation technique.

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15. A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the further control information is added to the wavelength-converted optical data signal by means of a polarisation modulation technique.

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16. A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the further control information is added to the wavelength-converted optical data signal by means of a phase-shift-keying modulation technique.

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17. A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the further control information is added to the wavelength-converted optical data signal by means of a frequency-shift-keying modulation technique.

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18. A method as claimed in any of claims 12 to 17, wherein the optical data signal comprises time-division multiplexed data packets each of which has associated therewith individual control information.

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19. A method as claimed in any of claims 12 to 18, wherein the optical data signal are carried by wavelength division multiplexed optical channels each of which has associated therewith individual control information.

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20. A method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the control information comprises a data header or tag for the data stream contained in each packet.

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21. A method of modifying control information carried by
 an optical data signal transmitted through an optical
 wavelength-multiplexed network as claimed in claim 12 and
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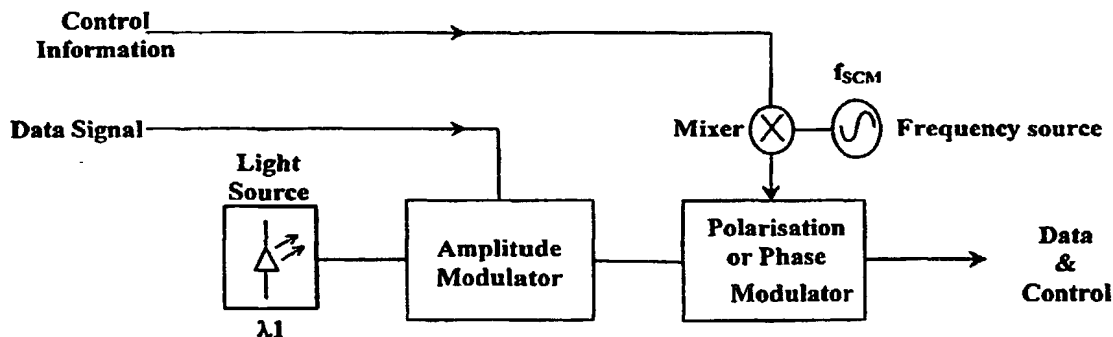
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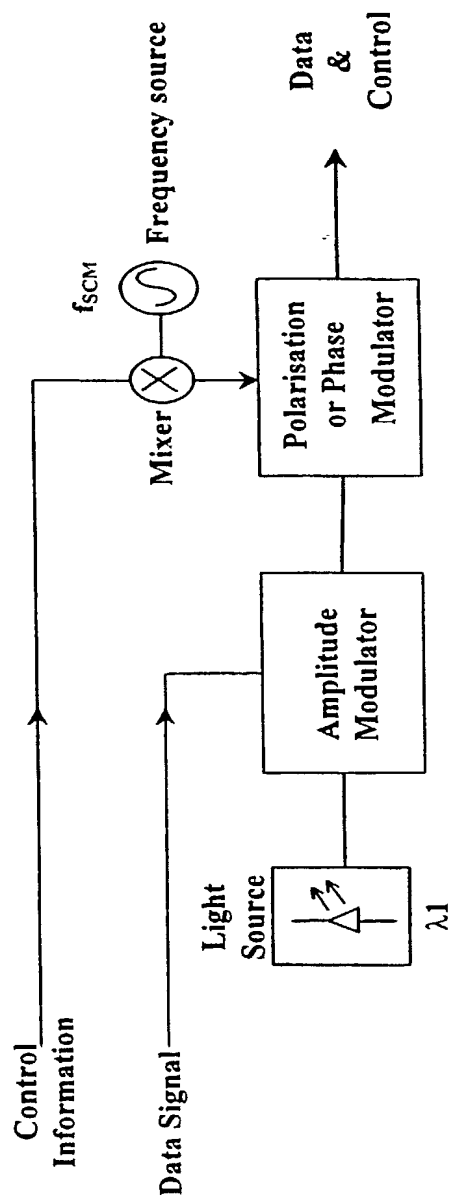
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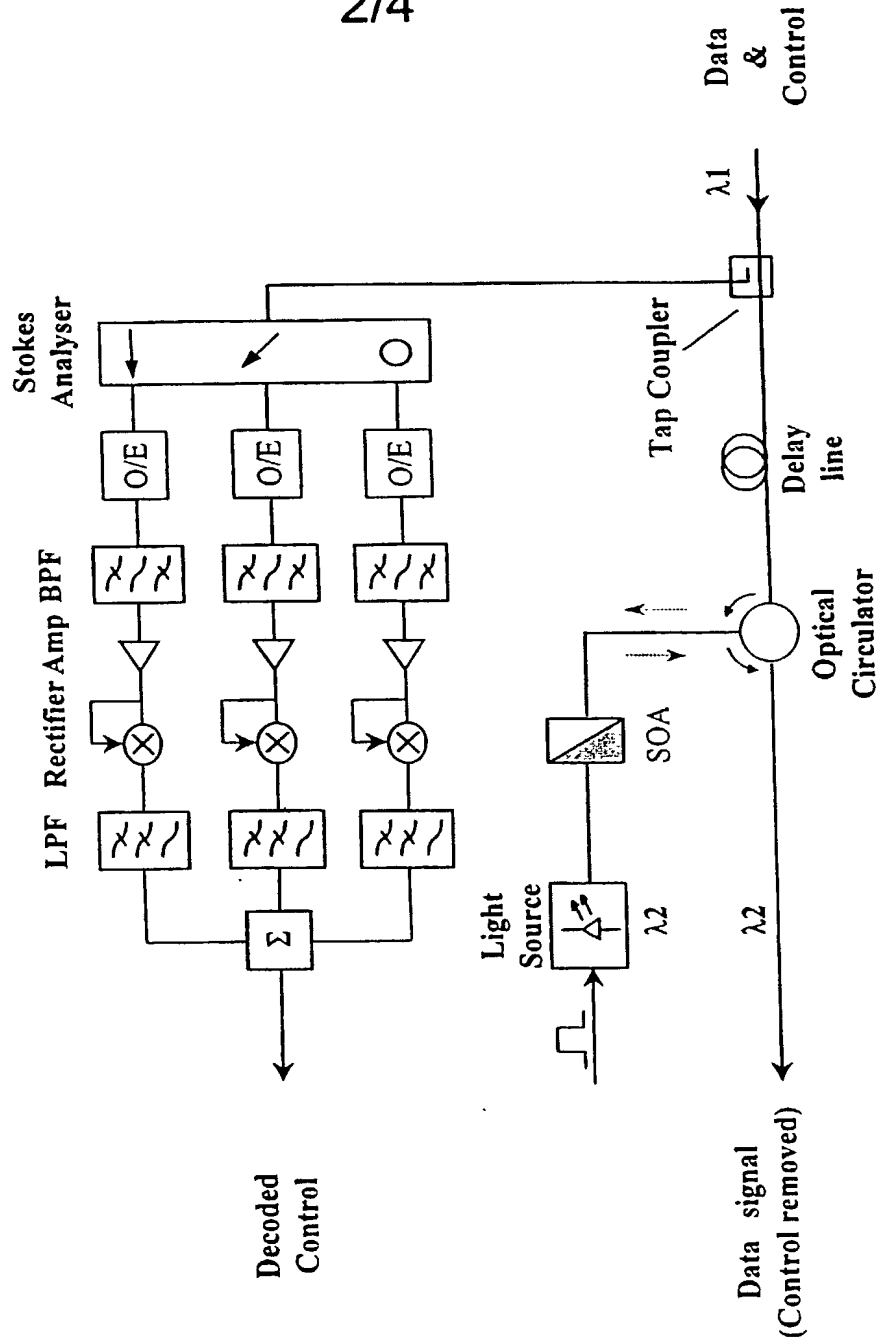
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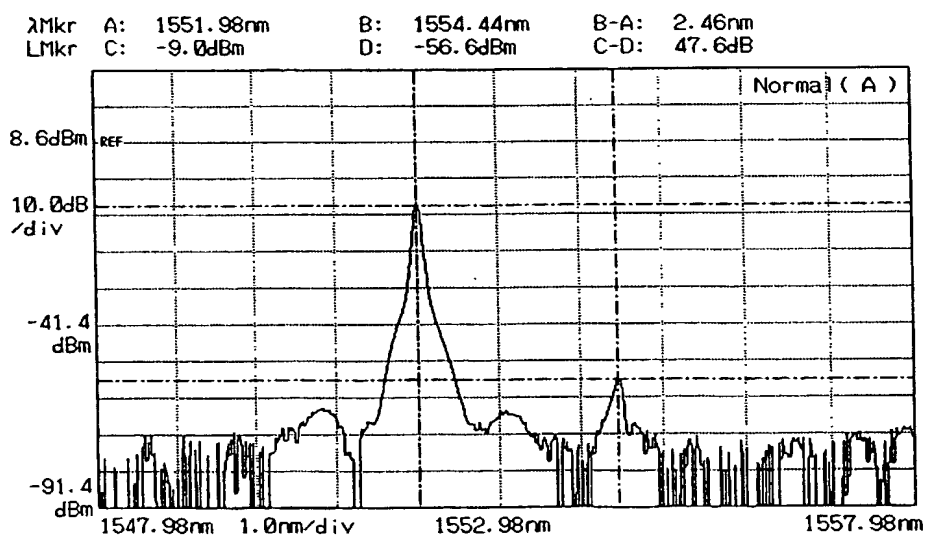
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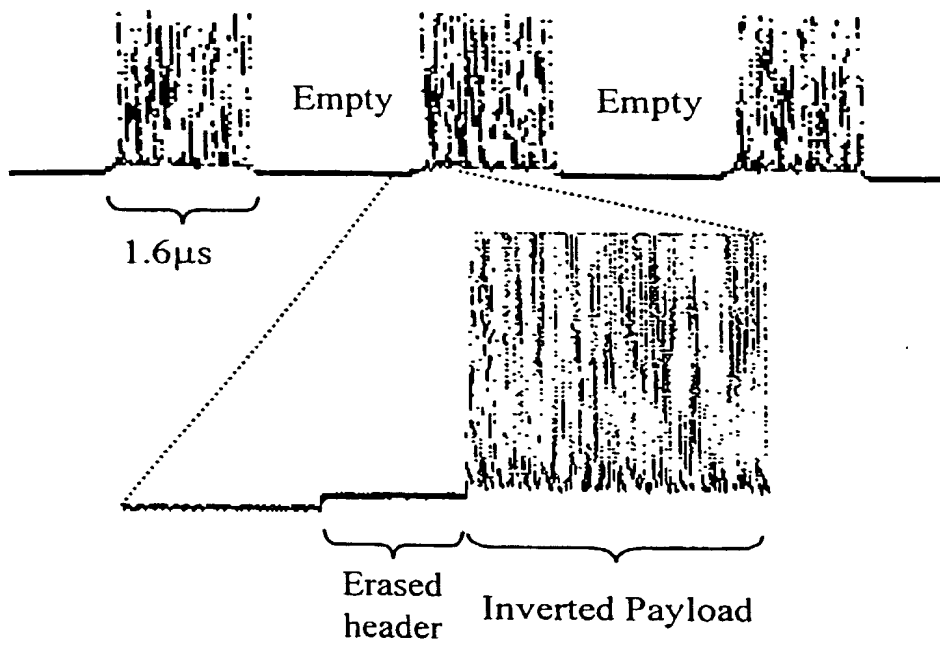
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Figure 2







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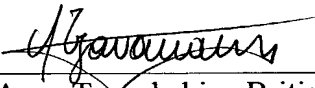
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